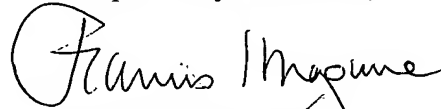


REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is submitted for the purpose of placing the application into standard U.S. format and to remove multiple dependencies from the claims. Approval and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis J. Maguire". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "F".

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